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Hitler Doubts His Strength: Wants To Extend War

NAZIS SEEK NEW ALLIES

Special To "The People"

WHILE NAZI FORCES ARE MASSING IN INCREASING NUMBERS ON THE WESTERN FRONT IN PREPARATION, IT IS BELIEVED, FOR A GREAT SPRING OFFENSIVE, HITLER IS REPORTED TO HAVE LAUNCHED A NEW DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN IN AN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN HIS OWN POSITION.

The offensive, said to be already planned, may not take place. Britain's rapidly expanding Air Force, her growing Army, and the deliveries of war-planes soon from U.S.A., are arousing doubt in Hitler's mind as to the outcome of a Nazi attack on land, on sea, and in the air.

That is why he has embarked on a diplomatic campaign which has as its purpose the rallying of support to his cause and the involving of the Allies in a war with Russia.

Hitler visions, wishfully, a German-Italian-Russian military alliance which, he hopes, might bring the Allies to their knees.

Carve-Up Bait

A war in the Middle East, with Russia as a menace to Palestine, Iraq and India, is one way in which Hitler may plan to involve Britain and the Soviet in war. Another hope—and an unlikely one—is that Britain may declare war on Russia over the Finnish question.

To ITALY Hitler may hold out the tempting bait of a carve-up with Russia and Germany of the Balkans and South-Eastern Europe. The alternative—so Rome will be told—is a split-up of that territory between the Soviet and Germany and the end of Italian sway in that part of the world.

To JAPAN, also, Hitler is said to be offering bribes. This time it is the carve-up of China, with Russia and Japan as the sharers of the spoil. Thus Hitler plans the end of British influence in the Far East.

Whether this diplomacy of Hitler's succeeds it is yet too early to say. Quite possibly it will not. For Japan and Italy have both noted with interest in the past few weeks that the Red military machine is not everything it was made out to be.

Pope's Warning

The German diplomatic machine is not the only one busy. The Pope has warned the King of Italy and Mussolini that between Catholic Italy and atheistic Russia there can never be any true or beneficial alliance. And there is little doubt that the Duce realises the advantages of a genuine friendship between his country and the Balkans.

Our Airmen Foil The Sky Mine-Sowers

NORMAL security patrols over seaplane bases around the Frisian Islands were again carried out by the R.A.F. last night.

Behind this formal announcement in London yesterday is the story of German mine-laying planes held at bay by the relentless "picketing" of R.A.F. flyers.

This unending patrol has unnerved the German pilots, and the laying of mines anywhere near Britain's shores has been reduced to a minimum.

Bombs dropped by British fighters need not score direct hits. One falling a considerable distance from its target can render a plane useless—and the Nazi airmen know this.

It was also learned today that a successful reconnaissance flight over North-West Germany was carried out last night by the R.A.F.

NICKEL SEIZED ABOARD U.S. SHIPS

Gibraltar, Saturday.
A further 2,000 ft. of pure nickel tubing were today seized as a prize from the American steamer Executive by the Detaining Officer.

Last Wednesday 15,000 ft. of tubing were seized from the vessel and a prize court writ served on the owners.



THE NEW WAR MINISTER AND THE OLD

"RUMANIA WILL FIGHT"

KING CAROL DEFIES REDS

WITHIN SIGHT OF THE SOVIET FRONTIER, KING CAROL STOOD YESTERDAY AT THE MICROPHONE AT KISENEV, CAPITAL OF THE FORMER RUSSIAN PROVINCE OF Bessarabia, AND DECLARED, "THIS PROVINCE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN RUMANIAN BY FORCE OF ARMS."

He warned Russia that Rumania would fight "as one living wall," if the Communists tried to invade Bessarabia.

King Carol, who was accompanied by Crown Prince Michael, had just inspected a huge parade of troops, planes and tanks.

"I do not feel that I have come to an adopted land, but to a province which has always been Rumanian," King Carol declared.

"As this difficult moment everybody must do his duty. I am very grateful for the expressions of loyalty which I have received from the leaders of the German, Ukrainian and Russian minorities, and I am happy to see that they are Rumanian, body and soul."

"The one thing which should inspire us, is the union of all the peoples within our borders. Under this inspiration, we shall never be vanquished. No enemy will be able to set foot on Rumanian soil."—A.P. and B.U.P.

ITALY WILL STOP SOVIET INVASION

Rome, Saturday.

If Soviet Russia remains within her own borders, Italy will not offer any opposition. But should Communism attempt to advance towards the zone of European and Italian vital interests, Italy would respond suitably.

This is the salient passage in an article in today's "Giornale d'Italia" by Signor Gayda, Mussolini's mouthpiece. Signor Gayda was writing from Venice, where Count Ciano conferred with the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky.

At this meeting, it was learned tonight, Count Ciano discussed the danger to both Rumania and Hungary of a Russian invasion. To secure a united front against the Reds, he urged Count Csaky to try for a friendly settlement with Rumania of their dispute over Transylvania.

TODAY'S RADIO

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Hore-Belisha Was Sacrificed To Brass Hats

THEY TOLD PREMIER: "HE MUST GO"

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BEHIND MR. HORE-BELISHA'S ENFORCED RESIGNATION AS MINISTER FOR WAR LIES ONE OF THE MOST SENSATIONAL POLITICAL DRAMAS OF RECENT YEARS—A DRAMA WHICH HAS ENDED IN HIS BEING OFFERED AS A SACRIFICE TO THE ARMY CHIEFS WHO WAGED A CONSISTENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM.

Mr. Hore-Belisha's democratic handling of Army affairs aroused the resentment of the "Brass Hats." Ever since he sacked the generals who acted as dead-weight at the War Ministry, and instituted sweeping reforms in the Service, Army circles have directed against him the full weight of their antagonism.

Generals went behind his back to Mr. Chamberlain demanding either that he should be forced to give up his post or abandon his plans for Army reform.

CHALLENGE TO CHIEFS

The military caste resented Mr. Hore-Belisha's vision of a citizen Army with officers promoted on merit from the rank and file. They preferred an Army staffed by officers with the public school accent and wearing the "old school tie."

Mr. Hore-Belisha fought them, refused to accept their views, and, faced with the problem of his political career, chose to sacrifice it to the "old school tie" brigade, rather than abandon his plans for the welfare of the common soldier.

Then came the dramatic interview with the Prime Minister in which he was asked to accept the position of President of the Board of Trade. The utmost pressure was brought to bear on him to accept this new post.

It had been already made plain to him that the Army chiefs would no longer tolerate him as War Minister. But when he saw Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Hore-Belisha made it equally plain that he was not prepared to accept political "demotion" because of the dictates of the "Brass Hats."

The drama heightened when there was almost a threat that such an attitude on the part of Mr. Hore-Belisha might mean the end of his political career.

But the Minister for War refused to be shaken. He had devoted all his heart and soul, all his energy, to the creation of a new and democratic Army. He felt that he could not, in justice to himself and to the soldiers themselves, abandon his work and take up a less important post.

That was why the Army chiefs won. The Brass Hats had triumphed over the new idea. Mr. Hore-Belisha went into the political wilderness; and Diehards in the Service rejoiced at the dismissal of a Minister who had upset the old Army traditions.

THAT WAS ONLY ONE CAUSE OF SATISFACTION. AMONG THE OLD-FASHIONED BRASS HATS THEMSELVES THERE WERE SOME WHO LOOKED FORWARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOMETHING LIKE A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP.

DRAMA NOT OVER

Their outlook is such that they will welcome almost any development likely to check the growth of democratic ideas in the Army.

But the drama of Mr. Hore-Belisha is not ended. His resignation has given rise to bitter controversy in political circles, and the whole question will be brought before the Commons when Parliament meets again a week on Tuesday.

Leaders of the Opposition, I am informed, will challenge Mr. Chamberlain and will ask for a full explanation of Mr. Hore-Belisha's dismissal.

It is also possible, I learn, that there may be a demand for an earlier summoning of Parliament so that the political issues raised may be debated.

Fears similar to those felt by many M.P.s were voiced yesterday by Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the T.U.C., in a speech at Manchester. "I hope," he said, "that the dismissal of Mr. Hore-Belisha does not mean a strengthening of bureaucracy, whether of the 'Brass Hat' or any other variety."

"We cannot be too careful, in war-time especially, to ensure the supremacy of democratic control in the direction of the policy and the administration of the affairs of this country. I would like to record my conviction," he added, "that the British people are not going to allow themselves to be ruled by tin-pot Hitlers, whether within the War Office or elsewhere."

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Goering Wounded By Snipers

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE MYSTERY OF FIELD-MARSHAL GOERING'S DISAPPEARANCE FOR A FORTNIGHT FROM NAZI PUBLIC LIFE IS SOLVED BY THE NEWS, RECEIVED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, THAT AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HIM WAS MADE JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Snipers wounded the Nazi leader when he was on a hunting expedition in the Vortorthel Forest. For several days Goering was confined to his bed while doctors attended the wound in his leg.

Gestapo agents have arrested three of the would-be assassins and are trying to discover the source from which their orders came.

One result of the attempt on the Marshal's life has been to intensify the hatred between him and Himmler, head of the Gestapo.

Goering complained to Hitler that Himmler's measures to safeguard his (Goering's) life were inadequate, and that the snipers' ambush was the result of neglect.

But Hitler, so dependent for his own safety on Himmler, refused to censure the Gestapo leader. Instead he ordered that a personal bodyguard should always attend on Goering.

It is still rumoured, however, that behind the forest ambush was the hand of Himmler himself.

NAZIS' NEW CALL-UP

Zurich, Saturday.

REPORTS from all parts of Germany indicate that many classes of recruits up to twenty-five years of age have been called up to report to the military authorities on January 10.

It is also reported that the Army medical authorities have been ordered to pass fit many men as possible.

ITALY'S OCEAN SUBMARINE

Rome, Saturday.

A new Italian ocean-going submarine, the *Louis Torelli*, was launched at La Spezia today.—Reuter.

IT'S SOUND SLEEP THAT KEEPS NERVES STEADY

Simple Medical Facts that will help you

WHEN you are worried, upset or over-tired, sleep is slow in coming—yet it is then that you need sleep most. So during these difficult times it is wise to take a few precautions. See that your bed is really comfortable. Another blanket helps many people. Fresh air is important. A hot bath is soothing. And don't go to bed on an empty stomach. Something light and digestible at bed-time is most effective in inducing sleep. Ideal for this purpose is Bourn-vita, which contains milk, eggs, malt and cocoa, and is a sustaining and readily digested nightcap. It is a most delicious one, too.

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FOOD RATIONING STARTS

Strange Power of One Lime-Juice

WIFE: Once, when my husband took me out for the evening, he bought me a small lime-juice. Since then he seems to think that he's entitled to a halo.

Man: I wasn't at all dis-courteous to the witness; all I said to him was that if he said another word it would be his last.

Wife: My husband was reading about the scuttling of a ship and looking very miserable. He pointed out the paragraph to me, and said, "When you realise that there's almost certain to be liquor of some kind in all these ships that get sunk, it makes you think, doesn't it?"

Clerk of Court: Are you aware how much your wife claims that you owe her?

Husband: Yes, but don't let's exaggerate.

Husband: I'm not saying that I don't owe my wife this money. All I'm saying is that if she said I didn't owe it I would be more certain that I did.

Wife: I am getting sick and tired of being asked by every woman I meet "And how is your husband this morning?"

SHOTS AT CORDON BY I.R.A. MEN

A CAR, believed to have contained a number of I.R.A. officers, broke through a military patrol on the Finglas-rd., near Dublin, yesterday.

A corporal and three privates, part of a cordon which has been on duty around Dublin since the Christmas haul of ammunition, was guarding the road when the car approached.

They signalled it to halt, but the driver accelerated and the soldiers had to jump clear.

As the car swept past, the men in it fired a number of shots.

None of the soldiers was hit. They returned the fire, and it is believed one man in the car was wounded.

All roads to the north within 50 miles of Dublin were patrolled soon afterwards but the car escaped.

FRENCH TAKE PRISONERS

Paris, Saturday. The official French communiqué issued tonight states that: "During the day our patrols encountered the enemy at various points of the front and brought back some prisoners."—Reuter.



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MINISTER SAYS NO SHORTAGE, NO QUEUES

EVERYTHING IS NOW READY FOR TOMORROW, COUPON MONDAY, WHICH IS ZERO DAY FOR THE NATION'S FIRST TASTE OF OFFICIAL FOOD RATIONING. LET THIS BE EVERYBODY'S RESOLUTION:

"WE WILL NOT ASK OUR MENFOLK AT SEA TO BRING US MORE FOOD THAN WE NEED. LET THEM BRING, INSTEAD OF THAT SURPLUS, MORE AND MORE OF ALL THAT WILL INCREASE OUR PROTECTION AND THEIR STRENGTH."

This resolution was commended to the nation last night by Mr. W. S. Morrison, Minister of Food, in a final broadcast before tomorrow's rationing scheme comes into operation.

Mr. Morrison promised that there would be no queues; also that there would be plenty of food for all, with "Share and share alike" as the motto.

He asked, and answered, four questions. Here they are:—

Is rationing necessary? Answer: All the foodstuffs to be rationed we get largely from overseas in ships. To obtain them we are using a great deal of our shipping and of our money. We want as much shipping space and foreign exchange as possible for bringing us armaments and raw materials for our factories, which will help us win the war.

Work as we will, we cannot make a contribution equal to that made by our seamen. We must not ask them to run unnecessary risks for us.

NO QUEUES Having decided to take less, there must be perfect fairness in distribution—no first-come-first-served, or anything of that kind. That can only be done by rationing.

Does it mean food shortage? Answer: No. We have all the food we need. One or two may be wondering how we stand with the German U-boats, or mines, or any other of their manifestations of piracy. Have they compelled us to ration? Certainly not.

Is the present moment the right one? Answer: In the last war rationing was not introduced until after a shortage had arisen. Then there were food queues—the anxiety and long waiting, and sometimes waiting in vain. It was not until rationing was introduced that queues disappeared. This time, we are not waiting for the food queues, we are forecasting and preventing them.

Why three-quarters of a lb. of sugar? Answer: Our decision is that, as things stand now, supplies sufficient for three-quarters of a lb. for everyone.

What You Can Buy From Tomorrow

From tomorrow you can buy per head for the family:

Sugar: 12 ounces. Bacon and Ham: 4 ounces. Butter: 4 ounces.

Foods not yet rationed include liver, heart, kidneys, tongue, tripe, sausages, brawn, pies, meat paste, rabbits, poultry, game and fish.

As an extra for marmalade making, 3 lb. of sugar will be allowed for every lb. of oranges (similarly for jam).

10 lb. per colony will be allowed for beekeepers.

The sugar ration may be increased later.

together with reasonable supplies for manufactured products—jam, for instance—are right. Circumstances will alter during the war. The amounts of the rations are not fixed for the duration. We have to look constantly at the changing situation and keep in line with all the needs of the moment.

The watchword of the whole scheme, said Mr. Morrison, is "Share and share alike."

He mentioned that guidance would be given on methods of using food, on alternatives or on foods in plenty which could be bought cheaply.

Although meat is not yet to be rationed, the Food Minister said that householders should register by tomorrow at the latest.

Last night the Ministry of Food announced that, for the present, no change will be made in the maximum retail prices per lb. of sugar, and a new Order provides that "in calculating the retail price of sugar, any portion of a farthing shall be regarded as one farthing."

COOKHOUSE SMILE



A member of the Toronto Scottish Brigade gets down to a big job of the day—helping with cookhouse supplies.

HOLLAND WILL RESIST

The Hague, Saturday.

An official warning that any aggression affecting the integrity of the territory of the Netherlands will meet with the utmost armed resistance of which Holland is capable was issued today.

The announcement said that for some time past tendentious news had been circulating abroad creating doubts in regard to the firm resolution of the country to resist any foreign attack.

Any attack on this territory will meet with the most obstinate armed resistance, no matter from what quarter the attack comes," the announcement concluded.—Reuter.

Village Built To Free Plane CORSAIR NOW ON WAY HOME

AFTER EFFORTS SPREAD OVER NEARLY 10 MONTHS, THE IMPERIAL AIRWAYS FLYING BOAT CORSAIR, WHICH MADE A FORCED LANDING IN A RIVER IN THE BELGIAN CONGO, IS NOW IN THE AIR AGAIN.

Capt. J. C. Kelly Rogers is piloting her home.

To get the flying boat off—

A village was built;

A road was hacked through 2,000 yards of virgin bush;

Two dams were constructed;

Rocks were blasted from the river bed.

Corsair, homeward bound from Durban to Southampton, got off her course on March 14 and had to alight on the river Dangu, 150 miles south-west of Juba.

She was badly holed, but there were no casualties, and all mail, freight and baggage were saved.

The river was entirely unsuitable for flying boat operations, and after the first dam to be built—Corsair having meantime been beached and repaired—a take-off was attempted on July 13.

She hit a hidden rock, however, and was further damaged. With the waters of the river falling, a second take-off could not be attempted until after the mud had begun to rise again in September.

Corsair was once more afloat in October, and in the interval the second dam was built and more rocks were blasted.

Costing well over £40,000, Corsair, one

of the standard flying boats used on the Empire routes, made her maiden service flight to Alexandria from Southampton in April, 1937.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU!

"The People" today has pleasure in offering congratulations to the following readers on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries.

Diamond—Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton, Leyesford, Clifton House, E.

Golden—Mr. and Mrs. A. Teal, Dyscote, Miles Platting, Manchester; Mr. and Mrs. F. Sanders, Westcliff-ice, Brixham; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gullum, Canterbury-rd., Folkestone; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Patten, Palace-rd., Cwmillery, Mon.; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cutler, Churchfields, Broxbourne, Herts.; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Blundell, Lonsdale-rd., Southsea; Mr. and Mrs. G. Coates, Rochdale-rd., Oldham.

Silver—Mr. and Mrs. C. Pickford, Ladderedge Leek; Captain and Mrs. M. G. Jones, Angoria, Moria-Nevill, Wales; Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, View-st., Bolton.

Also—Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooke, Victoria-rd., Bexleyheath (52nd anniversary); Mr. and Mrs. G. Cox, Vicarage-ls., Bracknell; Berks (43rd anniversary); Mr. and Mrs. W. Vincent, Osborne-rd., Brighton (26th anniversary).

MORE INDIAN TROOPS JOIN B.E.F.

With the B.E.F. in France, Saturday.

THE first contingent of British Empire troops have reached the battle zone in France. They are the vanguard of the Indian contingent some hundreds of drivers and their mules.

As they were settled in billets up the line, a second large draft of Indians reached a French port safely today.

The men and mules have come direct from the Khyber Pass and are inured to the cold which now prevails on the Western Front. All the men are Punjabis, and they have brought their own butter, rice and other foods which are prepared by native cooks.

The mules are in fine condition. They will be a valuable help in accelerating transport up the line, particularly when the frost and snow give place to the mud of early spring and mechanical transport may not be so generally effective.—B.U.P.

Ambush Between The Lines

The "Dare-Devils" Got Their Man

FROM THE EXCHANGE CORRESPONDENT WITH THE FRENCH ARMY

I HAVE JUST SPENT A NIGHT WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE "DARE-DEVIL" BRIGADE IN A DESERTED FRENCH VILLAGE, LESS THAN FIFTY YARDS FROM "NO-MAN'S LAND."

The "Dare-Devils" are special volunteers recruited from various French regiments for patrols, ambushes and raids.

For this they receive a distinctive insignia of which they are extremely proud.

We were admitted into the cheerless street through a barricaded gate. A walk past windowless houses and a church whose bells had been silenced for four months brought us to the village school-house, where the "Dare-Devils" were billeted.

"Close the door, it is cold," shouted the men, who are in the habit of spending long nights and days lying on their stomachs in the snow, to pick off a German patrol and bring home a prisoner or two.

We did as we were bid, and went upstairs to the officers' quarters. Here a warm welcome awaited us. The commander of this "Dare-Devil" group said to me: "I have a perfectly good bed for you. We live like kings here, and even though we are in an advanced outpost we know what is due to our guests."

Later, it was stated that Sir John was unlikely to take over his duties at the Ministry before to-morrow.

The change, it is understood, does not affect the position of Sir Walter Monckton, K.C., Director-General of the Press and Censorship Bureau. Sir Walter recently sought powers regarding the coordination of censorship and news distribution, and it is understood that these powers are likely to be conferred upon him soon.

DATE FOR A.D. 2,000 Dagenham Girl Pipers have signed a pledge to attend a reunion of the band in the year 2,000, at the civic headquarters of Dagenham, at 12 o'clock noon.

"You see how it will be," he said.

While preparations were being made for dinner the officers sat around and discussed plans for the next day's patrol.

"I do hope we will bring in some German," said a beardless officer, just out of Saint Cyr, the French Sandhurst.

If I bring in a man I will buy champagne for everybody and make my prisoner drink a glass, too."

Dinner was a simple meal—fried meat, potatoes, dried vegetables, and jam washed down with claret.

When the meal was over, the commander of the post produced a map and called his A.D.C.s around him to lay down a programme for the next day's work.

"You see how it will be," he said.

They did—and with them came a prisoner.

GERMANS SHUN GERMANY Rome, Saturday.

More than 82,000 people of German origin living in the Italian South Tyrol—the region transferred from Austria after the last war—have voted to remain in Italy, the official Italian News Agency announced today.—Reuter.

The official German News Agency announced that 185,365 Germans voted to return.

MINISTRY OF FOOD



REASONS FOR RATIONING

War has meant the re-planning of our food supplies. Half our meat and most of our bacon, butter and sugar come from overseas. Here are four reasons for rationing:—

1 RATIONING PREVENTS WASTE OF FOOD We must not ask our sailors to bring us unnecessary food cargoes at the risk of their lives.

2 RATIONING INCREASES OUR WAR EFFORT Our shipping carries food, and armaments in their raw and finished state, and other essential raw materials for home consumption and the export trade. To reduce our purchases of food abroad is to release ships for bringing us other imports. So we shall strengthen our war effort.

3 RATIONING DIVIDES SUPPLIES EQUALLY There will be ample supplies for our 44½ million people, but we must divide them fairly, everyone being treated alike. No one must be left out.

4 RATIONING PREVENTS UNCERTAINTY Your Ration Book assures you of your fair share. Rationing means that there will be no uncertainty—and no queues.

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AS Hansen SEES IT

HERE is your gas-mask? Many have lost theirs, left them in railway trains, lost them on buses, or broken them. I have never even troubled to get one. When, recently, I was in Leicester, I went to a church hall where over 200 people were at tea. Not more than one or two had a gas-mask!

Yet, at Brighton, the other day, a friend of mine was refused admission to a concert because she had left her gas-mask at home. And I have just heard of a woman who couldn't get into a London cinema because, "Well, if there were a raid you would be a nuisance."

Some few policemen have insisted on people carrying masks. Most take no notice of any kind.

Out of every score of persons who go by my Trafalgar Square window, perhaps two have around them the characteristic strap.

Gas-masks, a few weeks ago a rage, are now nearly forgotten! People either carry them automatically, just



Famous Folk Lose Their Homes

THE war has made more changes in ways of living than in general knowledge. Largely, it is the cost of things. Even the Duke of Westminster, one of London's richest ground landlords, told me a few weeks ago he then had "a room and a bath" at the Savoy Hotel.

A few years back his great town residence, Grosvenor House, now the site of an hotel, was one of the show-places of the metropolis.

Lord Halifax has closed his town house and moved some of his furniture to a suite at the Dorchester Hotel.

Winston usually sleeps at Admiralty House. His flat is let, and his Kent residence at Westerham seldom or never seen.

AS for Neville, no longer can he spend his regular week-ends at Chequers, given by Lord Lee of Fareham as a rest-place for Prime Ministers, "so that they can keep some of the spirit of England and have a quietude in which to reflect."

Cabinet Ministers have to break the Sabbath nowadays.

Then, the professional classes are greatly affected.

A West End doctor told me, the other day, "Normally, I earn a few thousands a year. Now, it is only pounds. Indeed, I cannot pay my rates."

The entire clientele of practitioners of his type have left London.

Harley-st. is a wilderness of brass plates. The best-type specialists volunteered for consultant work with the Forces. The faker can no longer charge big fees.

Gracie In Search Of The Sun

YOU revelled, I know, in Gracie's broadcast on Christmas Day. She herself didn't think much of it! "It was my worst concert, this tour," she told me. She was nervous!

Well, soon after her broadcast to-night from a naval base—I must not betray its secret—Gracie goes to Hollywood, to lie in the sun, to see her sister Betty, who also has had a bad operation, and to discuss with Darryl Zanuck her next film.

No, she won't make it this trip.

Gracie, in spite of her war-work, is a sick woman. She lives on her nerves. Only her enthusiasm keeps her going.

What is the secret of Lancashire? Jack Hylton is the top of his lot—and, as for George Formby, he is now the most successful star in British films.

All three—Gracie, Jack and George—retain the accent of the cotton towns from which they came. You might think it a hardship. Used with "the human touch," it is an asset.

War—As Artists See It

NOT more than three or four of the 2,219 works of art sent by over 1,000 British artists to the Royal Academy for sale for the Red Cross and the impoverished colleagues deal with the present war.

One, "Salute to Invaders" shows a 3.7 anti-aircraft gun in action in London. You see a great searchlight piercing the sky—and we Cockneys being defeated.

The other, called "The Stronghold," depicts the inside of a London pub—three men and a girl obviously sheltering, if not from bombs, from the black-out.

Then the River Emergency Service is the subject of a third painting of a man in a jumper and a steel helmet.

THE real value of this amazing show is that, for the first time, the Academy walls are thrown open to British artists of all kinds—R.A.s and rebels, fashionable portrait painters and Surrealists.

"We'll hang anything that you think good," said Burlington House, unbending at last.

So the rebels who would normally be kicked out are now—for charity's sake—welcome. The result is the most comprehensive exhibition of British art ever seen.

AMUSEMENT GUIDE

OPERA AND BALLET

SABLER'S WELLS, ROSEMARY, E.C.1 (Ter. 1979). Tues., 8.45. Ballet. SLEEPING PRINCESS.

THEATRES

ALDWYCH. Tem. 8866. 8.45. Weds. Sat. 2.30. 8 p.m. Male. Thurs. Sat. 2.30. AS YOU ARE.

Diana Churchill, Edward Chapman, and Brilliant Cast. Unres. 1/-, 2/-. Bookable, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, including tax.

COLISEUM, CHAMBERS ST. Daily, 2 to 7. Francis Laidler's CINDERELLA. 1/6 to 10/6.

GARRICK. 3 Times Daily. 2.30. EYE ON PARADE.

HARRY ROY. JOE LOSS.

25 Lovely Peaches. 70 Cast. 16,500 have seen this GORGEOUS MUSICAL Funny Show. Seats, Unres. 1/-, 2/-. Bookable, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6.

GLOBE. 8.15. Weds. and Sat. and Jan. 14, 2.30. THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST.

PALACE. (Ger. 6324). Evns. 8. Mats. Wed. Sat. 2.15. JACK HULBERT and CICELY COURTNEIDGE. "UNDER YOUR HAT."

PHENIX. (Tem. 8011). At 7.30. Wed. Th. Sat. 2.30. Elmer Rice's JUDGMENT DAY. 1/6 to 8/6.

PRINCES. (Tem. 6256). Twice Daily. 2.30 & 8.0. SHEPHERD'S PIE. Song & Laugh Show.

SYDNEY HOBART. ARTHUR HARRISON. VERA PEARCE. RICHARD HEARNE and All Star Cast. "London's Best War Time Show."—Daily Express.

QUEEN'S. (Ger. 481). Evns. 8.15 & 9.15. A Beatrice Little. Bobby Howes. Fred Rimmer in ALL CLEAR. A Revue, with Adele Dixon.

THEATRES

SAVOY. Tem. 8866. 8.45. Weds. Sat. 2.30. Diana Wynyard. Anton Walbrook. Rex Harrison. DESIGN FOR LIVING. 1/6 to 6/6. All Bookable.

STRAND. (Tem. 8100). Evns. 8.45. Th. Sat. 2.30. ROBERTSON HARE. ALFRED DRAYTON. IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DICK. By Ben Travers.

WHITEHALL. (Whi. 622). Wed. Sat. 2.30. "WHO'S TAKING LIBERTY?" A New Musical. All members of H.M. Services at Half Price.

ENTERTAINMENT

LONDON CASINO. Ger. 4692. Adm. 7/6 incl. Date. 2.30 & 8.15. Revue. 2 Bands. Dinner or Supper 1/6 or 1/2 la Carte. Dress optional. Extra Tuesday.

CONTINUOUS REVUE

PRINCE OF WALES. Whi. 8851. 1.30-11. New Show. REVUE DES ALLIES. Charles Heston.

KINEMAS

EMPIRE, Leicester Square. Ger. 1234. Th. 5.30 to 11 p.m. (Weekdays 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.) NORMA SHEARS in "THE WOMEN" (A). And 130 more—all women! 3rd WEEK.

LICHTNER SQUARE THEATRE. Whi. 6252. Tonight 8 & 8.30. Wed. 12 noon to 11.15 p.m. DEANNA DURBIN in "FIRST LOVE" (A).

LONDON PAVILION. Tonight 5.0 to 11.0 p.m. Weekdays 10.0 a.m. to 11.0 p.m. "MELODY OF YOUTH," with Jessica Hettler.

ORION. Ltr. 84. Tonight 8 & 9.30. Weekdays from 10 a.m. GARY COOPER in "THE REAL GLORY." With DAVID NIVEN (A).

RIALTO, Coventry-st. SON OF FRANKENSTEIN (H). DRACULA'S DAUGHTER (A). From 1/6.

way for troops and arms, a way into Germany by means of the Baltic.

Meanwhile, Russia's new militarism has at least done this—stiffened the opposition of all the small neutrals against aggression, and therefore lessened their desire to sell arms and food to Germany.

LORD LOTHIAN, in the last war L.G.'s right-hand man, Christian Scientist member of the so-called "Cliveden Set" and now our Ambassador in Washington, made an extraordinary speech last week.

What he has an arrangement with the U.S. Government that Britain shall in no way do any propaganda work on American soil. That is part of Roosevelt's "neutrality."

Officially, we have sent no lecturers there. Officially, we have done nothing. Meanwhile, the German hot-air machine has been in full blast all over the States.

Now suddenly, in Chicago, Lord Lothian has made a very frank speech, one in which he said that if Germany could defeat England, opposition to her would disappear and she would be on top of the world, running everything.

"Sea power," he declared, "should be in the hands of the democracies and not of one power."

THE day before Roosevelt, "the second Lincoln" had stretched "neutrality" nearly to snapping point, delivered to Congress a frank oration in which he warned America that "isolation" was not possible.

Lothian foretold that, in the early Spring, Germany would attempt to obtain a decision by using every weapon in her armoury, for she "cannot afford to wait."

"We have no illusions as to the terrible nature of the clash," he said, "and of the prodigious consequences for mankind which hang upon its results."

As I see it, he wanted arms production in America speeded up—for an expected offensive, the fear of which explains the mysterious calling-up of so many new age groups, 2,000,000 young men in all.

How to WIN YOUR WAR against wrinkles and tired skin



WOMEN war workers—you who are doing your duty to the nation—don't neglect your duty to yourself—to your sweethearts and husbands. It's a duty to take care of your skin—to look young. Out in all weathers—cold, wind and rain—more than ever to-day you need this Skin Specialist's advice to keep your skin soft, fresh, unlined and young.

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strongly advise anyone who is
run down to give them a fair
trial.

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my duty to let you know how
well I now feel. Someone may
read this and benefit by it. Any-
one who is feeling worn out
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(Signed) G. D.

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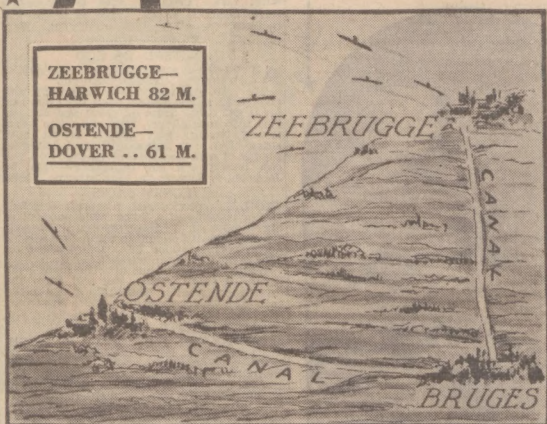


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A MAP showing bases on the Flanders coast from which German submarines operated during the last war, and the canals from Ostende and Zeebrugge to Bruges, where their vessels were overhauled and refitted.

By Lieut.-Commander
**E. KEBLE
CHATTERTON**
(The Well-known Naval Historian)

IF Germany were to invade, and
occupy Holland and Belgium,
one of her first acts would be
to set up submarine bases at
such ports as Ymuiden, Rotter-
dam, Flushing, Antwerp and Zee-
brugge. And she would send there
her smaller or "coastal" types,
suited for running to our east,
south-east and English Channel
areas.

Such craft, almost elementary in
design, can be mass-produced like
cheap cars; and motors obtained
either from stock, or removed from
small barges, fishing vessels, and
inland shipping. Germany lacks
petrol for her aeroplanes, but she
is not so short of heavy oil for
motors of 60 to 90 horse power.

Nor would it be necessary for these
small submarines to reach the Low
Countries by sea. From Wilhelmshaven
Dockyard (corresponding to our Ports-
mouth) there begins a canal which
reaches the Dutch frontier at Emden.

Thence via Delfzijl, through Holland's
excellent canal system, down the East
and West Scheldt, through Ghent and
Bruges, Zeebrugge can be reached with
little difficulty.

In recent years the Ems-Jade Canal
from Wilhelmshaven has silted up
slightly, but that problem would be
overcome by lightening the "coastals"
of such heavy weights as batteries, and
lashing a barge alongside for a few
miles.

Alternatively, such boats could be
taken to pieces, sections numbered, put
on railway trucks and reconstructed in
Rotterdam or Antwerp. Let any reader
should imagine these to be purely fan-
tastic ideas, permit me to say that

in a twinkling of the eye it was:
"Action stations! Up White Ensign!"
The 3-pounder barked, several rounds
could not fail to hit at that distance,
three penetrating the conning-tower,
followed by a fourth; yet not one struck
a vital spot.

Alert For Plunder

With the fright of his life, the Ger-
man commander waited for no more,
made a crash dive steeply, and hopped
away.

Three days later, on Friday, August
13, defying all sea-superstition, UB-4,
commanded by Ober-Leutnant Carl
Gross, set out from Flanders for this
fruitful Smith's Knoll region and was
off there by Saturday night.

Now at 8.20 this summer's night UB-4
was three or four miles N.E. of the
buoy, was alert for plunder, when she
espied what looked like the ripest gift.
Yet this smack Inverlyon belied the true
character. It had its usual skipper and
three hands, of course.

But that disguised gunner, Mr. E. M.
Jehan, R.N. (lent by H.M.S. Dryad), and
his four naval ratings were aboard not
for the purpose of fishing.

Yet everything looked normal, the
3-pounder was concealed from sight,
and anybody could see Inverlyon was at
work with trawl down.

Wherefore Herr Gross, with perfect
confidence, motored till 100 yards dis-
tant, broke out the German ensign,
and shouted something from the con-
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was some mighty quick shooting.

One, two, three shots! The first and
third pierced the conning-tower's centre
and exploded inside, the second shell
demolished the tower's after portion,
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Carl Gross fell dead into the "ditch."

Cautied by the tide, UB-4 was carried
round the smack's stern, to within ten
yards. A gunner's dream! Ten yards?
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during the last war four British C-class
submarines, after running heavy rear,
were sent inland from Archangel via the
River Dvina and canals to Petrograd
and the Gulf of Finland. Also that a
number of German "coastals" went by
rail not merely to Antwerp, but also to
Pola up the Adriatic.

It was in the spring and summer of
1915 that Germany, having seized her
Flanders Flotilla as distinct from the
High Sea Fleet command (which em-
braced the bigger U-boats) provided
herself with those smaller species
known as UB and UC.

Constructed hastily in Bremen, Ham-
burg, and even at Kiel, single-screwed,
light of tonnage; each needing a per-
sonnel of but one officer and thirteen
men, the submarine used to operate
especially off such places as Harwich,
Dover, Boulogne. Returning to Zee-
brugge, they would enter the lock-gates,
do their overhauling and refits at
Bruges, where officers made nights
hideous in drunken orgies.

The White Ensign

Now in the Lowestoft area, U-boats
that summer became such a menace to
sailing smacks that we had to arm
some and send them out ostensibly to
fish, but really to act as decoys.

Thus on August 11, out of Lowestoft
sailed the brown-canvas smack G. and
E., commanded by Lieut. C. E. Hammond,
R.N., lent from H.M.S. Halcyon, R.N.,
together with Petty Officer Ellis, R.N., a
naval gunlayer in charge of the
3-pounder, and several fishing hands to
help the genuine skipper.

Making for the Smith's Knoll buoy,
which always attracted both smacks and
submarines, the G and E had not long
to wait.

Naval officers and ratings, attired like
North Sea fishers, noticed a smallish
submersible rise to the surface about 600
yards from their neighbour, named
Leader, who was fired a decisive shot.

She was only a mile off when the Ger-
man went alongside, ordered out the
crew, and blew the Leader up with a
bomb, the smackmen being cast adrift
in their rowing boat. The grey-painted
UB-craft then came to within 200 yards
of G and E, and fired a rifle shot.

Making pretence of lowering her boat,
the decoy allowed their enemy to ap-
proach till 40 yards away.

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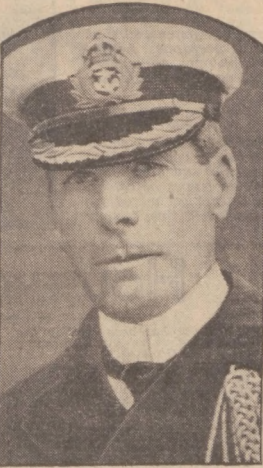
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ADMIRAL SIR REGINALD BACON
who commanded the Dover Patrol.

marine disappeared gurgling to the
depths.

The King bestowed on Mr. Jehan the
D.S.C., and great was the joy in Lowes-
toft over Mverlyon's victory.

"The fortune of war!" How often we
read that expression! But how true
it is!

Winter of 1916 passed into spring,
the east coasts of England were still
subjected to visits by those tiresome
units from the Flanders Flotilla.

Behold, then, the smack Cheero on
April 23, coming out of harbour. At
5.45 p.m. she was some ten miles
north-east of the buoy. She was com-
manded by Lieut. W. P. Scott, R.N.R.,
who had under him two petty officers
and one leading seaman as fighting
crew, while fishing skipper, second hand
and three deckhands were responsible
for the handling of Cheero with her
nets.

Actually the latter were now of special
design, being fitted with mines, and it
had been found that with 600 yards of
these nets towing astern the smack
could still sail ahead at 3 knots.

From forward of the smack a bridle
made out of a trawler's warp was
stropped down the towing wire, so that
it would look exactly as if a genuine
smack were working her trawl.

All that the men desired was that
some submarine should get foul of these
nets.

At 5.45, wind being light and sea
foggy, nets were shot and con-
nected with an electric battery. The
only neighbouring vessel was the steam
trawler King Stephen.

Now the Cheero had been fitted with
a hydrophone, and thus, for more than
an hour, she could hear the slow, steady
throb of reciprocating engines. Sudden-
ly at 7 p.m. a totally different noise
overlaid this sound; a quick, buzzing
unmistakable indication of a sub-
marine.

It was now 7.40 p.m.
Ting! Tong! Pang!

Life's Big Problems

"LIMELIGHT WE
SHOULD DISLIKE"

By the
People's Friend

you will never lack an audience; and I'll agree that if you push hard
enough the chances are you will finish up in the limelight.

But here's the point: Once there you will soon discover that you
need other attributes to hold your place.

HITLER provides the perfect illustration to my moral. He stormed
and bragged and bluffed while all Europe hung anxiously upon
his words.

Then, when he had aroused the British lion and found himself
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and Belgium? One of their first activities, in the view of
Lt.-Cmdr. Keble Chatterton, would be to establish submarine
bases on the Dutch and Flemish coasts for under-sea operations
against Great Britain. It was on Ostende and Zeebrugge that
they based their famous Flanders Flotilla during the
last war. But now, as then, they might find that,
though they may make a nuisance of themselves, in
the long run they could not beat the British Navy.

THE RAIDERS

The wire leading to the nets immedi-
ately became tight, stretched to its
limit and bearing a terrible strain. Then
it eased a little and became again rigid.

Without further warning an explosion
burst in the mine-nets, the sea rose
twenty feet in the air, and just as the
water was calming, off went another
upheaval, sending up heavy oil.

Ten minutes! Crew were waiting at
their stations ready for the next de-
velopment, but nothing happened;
therefore, Lieut. Scott ordered the nets
to be hauled.

Small pieces of steel were recovered,
others flopped back into the sea, and
the smell of oil became more foul.

Yes, now it was evident that one of
the net-mines had exploded.

Further examination proved that un-
questionably the submarine had taken
nets down to the Eastern Dred (150 feet deep),
for bits of seaweed were still clinging.

So, finally, Lieut. Scott burnt a flare
to attract King Stephen, who marked
the place with one of his fishing buoys.

Three days later, as it was too deep for
a diver to work, mine-sweepers were
sent, who quickly located the German.

She turned out to be UC-3 (Ober-
Leutnant G. Kreyser), which had been
a busy minelayer for months off the
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The Belgian barrage when he bungled
badly.

H.M. drifter Gleaner of the Sea,
guarding the mines and nets, lay at
her anchor with 15 fathoms of chain
out and a further 25 fathoms of wire
shackled on to the chain. Total 240 feet.

Suddenly the watch on deck heard
something grinding on the wire. He
rushed forward to investigate, and
found UB-13 caught against the wire.

"Skipper," they called below, "you're
wanted."

Made Doubly Sure

Up came Skipper R. G. Hurren, who
seized a lance-bomb, hurried it straight
at the submarine's fore-deck with per-
fect result. Such a violent explosion
followed that the water flew right over
the drifter's fore-deck.

It was an amazingly complete attack.
For UB-13, having been holed, sank
bodily down the wire, which, no longer
able to bear the 142 tons weight, parted.

Hurren then ordered his engines "Full
speed ahead," fired a signal rocket, saw
the large boil of water still rising, gave
it one more bomb, and buoyed it.

Answering his summons arrived the
drifter E.E.S., who let go a third bomb
where oil and bubbles steadily rose up.

Leaving E.E.S. standing by, Gleaner of
the Sea hastened off for a destroyer,
found H.M.S. Afridi, who now steamed
exactly over the wreck, made doubly
sure, and fired her explosive sweep.

That was why UB-13 with all hands
never saw Zeebrugge again. That was
why Skipper Hurren was given the Dis-
tinguished Service Cross, plus £389,
while his crew got the balance out of
£1,000 and one man won the D.S.M.

Destiny Delayed

But the German destroyer G-41 also
sank the King Stephen, taking the crew
as prisoners. Thus were some vessels
less lucky than others; for during the
last two months this trawler had been
working hereabouts as one of the decoys.

Yet between the loss of UC-3 on
April 23 and the Lowestoft bombard-
ment of April 25, two most interesting
sea-affairs occurred off the Belgian
coast, both involving boats from the
Flanders Flotilla. And here once more
the "Fortune of War" played its hand.

While still the German squadrons
were on their way towards East Anglia,
UC-10 was trying to come forth. About
midnight she motored out of Zeebrugge,
but at 12.40 a.m. got caught in the newly
laid barrage of nets and mines deposited
off the Belgian coast by Admiral
Bacon's units from Dover.

Unsuspecting she became properly
entangled, tried to dive beneath, but got
caught again. Then off went a mine,
followed by several more.

The experience by night was terrify-
ing, nerve-snapping. For two hectic
hours UC-10 sought to free her hull of
encumbrance.

Then, just when things seemed im-
possible, she rose to the surface. The
herself of mines discovered that the
circuits were cut—and scared out of her
enterprise—hurried back thankfully
into Zeebrugge.

Yet was her destiny only delayed. On
August 21, 1917, she was torpedoed—not
so very far away—off the Schouwen
Lightship by the British submarine E-54.

Now the other incident off the Bel-
gian coast took place on the afternoon
of April 24 (1916). Ober-Leutnant A.
Metz in UB-13 was trying to negotiate

Life's Big Problems

"LIMELIGHT WE
SHOULD DISLIKE"

By the
People's Friend

you will never lack an audience; and I'll agree that if you push hard
enough the chances are you will finish up in the limelight.

But here's the point: Once there you will soon discover that you
need other attributes to hold your place.

HITLER provides the perfect illustration to my moral. He stormed
and bragged and bluffed while all Europe hung anxiously upon
his words.

Then, when he had aroused the British lion and found himself
only neighbourly vessel was the steam
trawler King Stephen.

Now the Cheero had been fitted with
a hydrophone, and thus, for more than
an hour, she could hear the slow, steady
throb of reciprocating engines. Sudden-
ly at 7 p.m. a totally different noise
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FOR sheer effrontery and daring, the exploit of Flight-Lieut. Reggie Warneford, twenty-three-years-old ex-officer of the Merchant Service, during the great days of 1914-18, would be hard to beat. Alone in a ramshackle machine—judging by today's standards—he engaged and brought crashing down in flames one of Germany's giant airships. It was the first Zeppelin to fall a victim to our airmen during the war. And it was the first time a V.C. winner had been told of his honour by a message from the King and never before had the Cross been awarded so quickly after the deed which earned it.

SKY HORNET'S



Flight-Lieutenant WARNEFORD, V.C.

DAWN DUEL

V.C.s
of the
AIR

THE ZEPPELIN MOVING SERENELY AGAINST THE SHELL-PINK GLORY OF THE CLEAR DAWN SKY WAS A THING OF BEAUTY. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT SHE WAS BUILT FOR SUCH A GRIM PURPOSE: THAT HER SILVER ELEGANCE WAS DESIGNED ONLY TO RAIN DEATH AND HORROR UPON A PEACEFUL COUNTRYSIDE.

Now and then her sides took on the fiery gleam of polished copper as they caught the red sun, and the windows of her gondolas slung beneath the immensity of the cigar-shaped envelope winked brightly.

With all the majesty of a great liner she rode the fleecy clouds, homeward bound from a night raid upon England. And presently the vague outlines of the huge airship hangars just outside Brussels came in sight.

This was her home, and the thunder of her mighty engines faded to a mute drone, and her nose dipped slowly as she prepared to land. It was then that her commander first saw the little British monoplane hurtling across the sky to intercept his ship.

With unhurried calm he gave his guttural orders. The lone plane had a height advantage of some 1,000 ft. and the pilot was diving steeply to rake the Zeppelin with his fire; but they watched him approach with almost amused tolerance.

The Zeppelin was at that time the monarch of the skies. The Germans believed it to be invincible. Bristling with an armament that could out-fire a dozen planes, able to soar with amazing rapidity,

it had never been vanquished in battle.

And so, manning the guns that protruded from every gondola window, they waited to blast this impudent raider from the skies. If the mad Englishman were fool enough to choose this particular form of suicide so much the worse for him!

Fearless Spirit

IN the cockpit of the plane a young man grinned happily. That it was foolhardy to launch his tiny machine into combat with this leviathan of the skyways never crossed his mind.

He had one machine-gun and a deadly clutch of half a dozen 20 lb. bombs slung beneath his feet, and so, for all the world like a gnat swooping to attack an elephant, he came diving from the clouds.

Young Reggie Warneford, twenty-three-years-old ex-officer of the merchant service, had been flying for less than a year, but already he had an imposing "bag" of enemy aircraft, patrol boats and submarines to his credit.

His beat lay up and down the Belgian coast, and this he patrolled every day, a lone eagle, a little wild yet said, and an indifferent pilot, but utterly without fear and possessed of that reckless, devil-may-care spirit that so often compensated for lack of skill in the air.

On this occasion—it was the early morning of June 7, 1915—he had been sent to raid the Zeppelin base at Berchem St. Agathe, and it was as he approached his objective that he sighted the huge raider returning from her mission of death.

He might well without disgrace have avoided such an unequal duel, but without hesitation he attacked. Tons of ballast dropped from the airship as he approached, her silver nose lifted, and she rose as swiftly and easily as a feather caught in a current of hot air.

Up she soared, rising 2 ft. to every one that Warneford could manage, even with his throttle full open. In a few minutes the silver monster was poised above him and a hail of lead descended upon his little machine as the guns thrust from every gondola window opened fire.

Audacious Efforts

DESPERATELY he tried to gain height, but the Zep, whisked heavenwards by the pull of the gas in her huge envelope, was too fast for him. This was what he wanted, putting his plane into sharp banks that set his pulses thudding dangerously, as he sought to escape the stream of lead.

But they had him covered from every angle, and his own single gun was about as effective as a pop-gun against this flying fortress.

Yet for nearly half an hour he harried the glattest, snapping at her heels like a terrier and forcing her to climb. At six thousand feet he suddenly quit, turning flat and making off into the clouds at top speed, while the Zeppelin commander, convinced that he had scared off this audacious attacker, once more prepared to land.

But Reggie Warneford was not through. That sudden flight had been a ruse to deceive the Zeppelin crew, and immediately he was out of sight he put his machine into a steady climb.

Five thousand... six thousand... seven thousand... Slowly the needle on his altimeter crept round the dial as he forced his plane higher and yet higher.

At ten thousand feet he switched off his engine and began gliding silently down. Like a ghost he swooped, with only the song of the wind in his wing-struts to break the silence, and within a few seconds he picked out the slender silver cigar shape poised in space three thousand feet below.

Soundlessly he dived, and he was within a hundred feet of the Zeppelin before a sudden warning cry rang out and a burst of machine-gun fire told him that he had been detected.

A touch on the joystick flattened him out of that silent descent and there, so

close that it seemed his landing wheels must touch it, was the vast silver envelope of the monster—a target he could not miss.

One, two, three—swiftly his deadly "eggs" dropped, and as the third burst the world seemed to be suddenly rent in two by a vast sheet of flame.

Belching fire, shaken by thunderous explosions, the Zeppelin began to fall, its long back sagging brokenly.

And above it young Warneford, caught in a red hell of flame, juggled frantically with his controls as his little plane was flung to and fro like a leaf in the wildly disturbed air.

He regained an even keel just in time to see the airship, now a roaring inferno, hit the ground. Actually it crashed near a convent school in a Ghent suburb, killing one nun who rushed into the street.

There was only one survivor. The rest of the crew were killed.

Rejoicing, the young pilot flicked his ignition switch to start his engine and make for home. But there was no answering sputter. His machine continued its silent glide down.

Again and again he tried the switch, but it was in vain. The engine was dead, and he was losing height rapidly over enemy country.

The tree tops of a little patch of wood rushed up to meet him, and a few seconds later his wheels were skimming the grass of an open field behind. He was down safely, but his peril was great. He was in sight of a farmhouse on a near by slope, and he could plainly hear a dog barking.

Broken Petrol Feed

AT any moment he expected the trees, and he hastily began preparations to burn his machine.

Then he hesitated. Except for the barking of the dog it was deathly quiet. Perhaps, after all, there was an outside chance that he might escape.

Feverishly he examined the engine. The fuel feed pipe was broken. Quickly he repaired it, opened the throttle a little way and swung the propeller.

With a roar the engine burst into life and the plane began to move forward! Running by the side, Warneford man the huge raider returning from her mission of death.

He was on the point of collapse when, after a difficult flight through fog and thick cloud, he eventually landed. For eighteen hours he had not slept or eaten, and as soon as he had made his laconic report he tumbled into bed.

Twelve hours later they woke him to hand him a telegram. "Having and rubbing the sleep from his tired eyes the young airman sat up to read the message. It ran:

"I most heartily congratulate you upon your splendid achievement in which you, single-handed, destroyed an enemy Zeppelin. I have much pleasure in conferring upon you the Victoria Cross for this gallant act."

It was the first time a V.C. winner had been told of his honour by a message from the King, and never before had the medal been awarded so quickly after the deed.

But then young Warneford had that day performed a feat of heroism that not only was to make his name live for ever, but one that had a tremendous significance.

Fallacy Disproved

HE had destroyed the first Zeppelin that had ever proved that those much-vaunted monstrosities of the skies were not invulnerable; that for all their size and might and power they could be conquered by a tiny single-seater plane.

Unhappily this devil-may-care hero of the clouds did not live to see the Victoria Cross that was awarded to him for his courage. He died while England still rang with the sound of his name, while the tale of his daring was still on every lip.

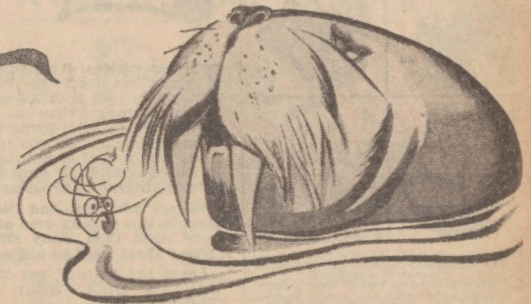
He went out, not, as no doubt he would have chosen, in some thrilling sky duel, but in an ordinary crash while he was testing a new machine over Buc aerodrome.

He was, as I have said, not a good pilot, and this was true of many another "crash" in the last war. He took his "air" as he called it, up and down with an utter disregard for all the finer points of aviation.

Sometimes he would come in from a flight and go halfway across the landing-field in a series of bounces before he came to a stop.

But he had something a thousand times more valuable than his flying skill. Flight-Lieutenant Warneford had courage—courage far beyond all ordi-

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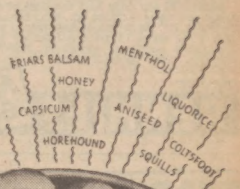


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A CONFESSION BY KRUSCHEN

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When Kruschen was first put on the market, it didn't need many words of ours for people to discover that there was something out of the ordinary.

One person told another how Kruschen helped them. We knew it was because Kruschen contained natural minerals in proportions present in no other remedy; they only knew that they felt better after taking Kruschen.

THEY also discovered that with Kruschen a tiny daily dose was all they needed. And they didn't have to increase that dose as they went along, as was the case with so many laxatives.

So when we began to talk about the "Kruschen Feeling" they all knew what we meant. We even showed men jumping over 5-bar gates, and (what is harder) jumping out of bed in the morning! The 5-bar gate may have been a bit exaggerated, but that was because we were enthusiastic.

Our advertisements in the press did what advertisements ought to do: they told all the people who needed Kruschen what it would do for them.

THEN something happened. Fatness went out of style. The slim figure came in. And thousands of women discovered that Kruschen helped them to get rid of fat. So we began to write almost all our Kruschen advertisements about slimming, as if that was more important than helping to relieve rheumatism, or telling people about the safest laxative they could take.

The effect of the war on health has brought us back to our real responsibility. Headaches,

constipation, rheumatism, and depression have all increased (perhaps in your own family)—the very things that Kruschen is made to correct.

Read what one man says:

"Dear Sir:

"Being of rather heavy build I used to get up in the morning with that sluggish feeling and not the least appetite for work and got through the day somehow, wishing all the time that I could just sit in an armchair and sleep—but (and the most important but) my wife one day saw some Kruschen Salts in 6d. sample bottles in a local chemist's and, thinking of me, bought one and persuaded me to try it. I took the first as a medicinal dose and continued with 'as much as covers a sixpence.' The effect was revelation. I never miss it and have lost all that 'don't care if it snows' feeling and am a real live man, mentally and physically, keen all day and every day."

"I have been taking it now for about 3 months and must confess that had it not been for Kruschen I do not know how I should have got through the worry and drive of business."

"Now, having made my confession, may I say that I never lost an opportunity when friends remark how well I look, of telling them I owe it all to 'the little daily dose'—enough to cover a sixpence every day."

L. WILKINSON.

IF Kruschen can help people like that, our job is to tell others. So here is our decision for the new year. Our advertising in 1940 will not tell you how to be more stylish, but how to be more healthy—how to feel brighter, and fitter—how to get that "Kruschen Feeling" in the black-out.

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"Man o' the People" writes on Things That Matter

Let's Talk it Over To You And Me

IN the curious development of this war, which has upset the forecasts of all the "experts" on both sides, nothing can be much stranger than the superstitious awe with which Adolf Hitler is still regarded by many people. It was natural enough to name him a man of evil, but that he should be looked upon as a "super man" even in his villainy strikes the writer as absurd.

Hitler's admirers—and there are plenty of them in this country even among people with more sense than Unity Mitford—are always talking about what he had done for Germany.

Leave the "what" out of it and you get the bald truth: Hitler has "done for Germany."

Judging by the latest Nazi decree under which Goering assumes absolute economic control of the Reich, the Fuehrer has nearly "done for himself" as well.

At all events, there is nothing more certain in this uncertain world than the eventual downfall of history's most preposterous bully.

HITLER is no Napoleon; he is a strutting, ranting fellow with an absurd Charlie Chaplin moustache, a gift of soap-box oratory and no conscience.

But the spotlight of world publicity has focused upon him to throw a gigantic and menacing shadow across the European scene.

Thanks to Hitler and his gang of criminal confederates, Germany is without a friend or genuine sympathiser in the world.

Thanks to him, a vast and mainly docile nation is fighting the free peoples to perpetuate its own miserable servitude.

MOST of you know, no doubt, how Hollywood builds up its new stars. Ceaseless publicity, photographs by the million, and "stunt" after cheap "stunt"—that is the recipe for a certain kind of fame.

The Dictator of Germany is just a built-up star of the same order.

"A man must have luck!" he gasped after his real, or stage-managed, escape in the Munich bomb plot.

And he has had luck; marvellous luck! He has been given the credit for every genuine reform that has occurred in Germany since National Socialism gained power.

He found that he could blackmail the peace-loving Powers and terrify some of the little countries. He "cashed in" on his hollow and treacherous "victories."

He understood the mass mind of Germany and despised it. He suppressed the freedom of the press and the freedom of speech. He would not allow his countrymen to read or hear foreign opinion. He imposed an intellectual black-out upon all the Reich.

THESE things he could do in Germany, but the marvel is that for so long a time he contrived to fool the outside world. For, when you look back upon Hitler's record, you will find that all his triumphs were gained when he attacked the weak.

Now that he confronts an enemy which can hit back as hard and perhaps harder than himself on sea, on land and in the air, the would-be War Lord is utterly baffled.

Instead, as he hoped, of going down to history as a great man, Hitler will be written down as a sorry imitator of the greatly infamous. He will be remembered as "the Little Corporal with the Swollen Head!"

THIS week-end, nearly everybody must be "talking over" the unexpected changes in the Ministry, and more particularly, Mr. Hore-Belisha's replacement at the War Office by Mr. Oliver Stanley.

But the chief actors in this political drama "won't talk": they merely exchange polite letters which leave the public none the wiser.

All I know is that "Leslie," of the much-phosphated smile, was a "go-getter" and a hard worker. He wielded a new broom at the War Office with the utmost energy, and, if this led to a "dust up" with some of the more important generals, who can be surprised?

Lord Derby's son is at least conscientious and painstaking, and he wears the right school tie! He will have to go all out if he means to improve the pace which "Leslie" set him. His watchword must be "On, Stanley, on!"

And, for the rest, it will be wise for the present to leave Lord Haw-Haw to do all the guessing!

THOUGH it is too soon to assess the precise importance of Goering's appointment as "Economic Dictator" of Germany, it is clear enough already that he must now be regarded not only as Hitler's nominated successor, but as his rival in actual leadership.

The Field-Marshal wielded great power before the new decree was issued. As Chief of the Reich Defence Council, his orders were valid without Hitler's signature, and it is significant that the Fuehrer was not mentioned in the official announcement of his latest appointment.

Moreover, Goering is the only Nazi leader who retains some measure of friendship with the regular army and the remnants of the powerful "officer and landowner" class which virtually ruled the country in the last war.

His new office gives him complete control of Germany's entire war economy, and his immediate object is to break the power of our blockade.

IT would be dangerous to under-rate Marshal Goering. Perhaps Hitler has made that mistake already. Perhaps, on the other hand, he turned to Goering as a



weak man turns to a strong, hoping to be rescued from his own helplessness.

One thing is certain—the whole gang of Nazi leaders, whether Hitler remains their chief figurehead or not, is bent upon our destruction if only to save their own miserable skins.

The Nazi propagandists—Lord Haw-Haw and all his friends—try to play upon the ordinary mind by exaggerating the "crimes" of the rich in Britain, who get everything while the poor "are left to starve."

They make no mention of the fact that the only rich people left in Germany are those who are running the country—and robbing it—to line their own pockets!

And now you may be certain that Goering intends to squeeze the German lemon until the pips squeak in anguish!

He cannot counter our blockade in any other way. His broadcasters boast that British exports have fallen by nearly half, but Germany's maritime traffic has been virtually destroyed.

Nothing but confiscatory taxation can long postpone the inevitable final breakdown of the Nazi economic system.

WE ourselves are taxed heavily enough—God wot!—and tomorrow food rationing begins. Not only so, but the King has signed a proclamation which provides for the calling up of, roughly, another two million of our young men.

There is no need to be distressed or concerned about any of these things. Direct taxation is the least of evils because it falls heavily only upon those who can best afford to pay.

Food rationing is positively to be welcomed rather than deplored. If it had been started earlier, it might have been better for us all.

CIGARETTE PAPERS

THE war," says an article, "will put an end to parties." Non-sense. Alfie went to four last week.

"Pound-notes," says an economist, "seem to disappear more quickly than ever." They don't even wish me luck as they wave me goodbye.

TODAY'S PROVERBS
The brave heart with full confidence
Goes forward through the night;
There is no road so drear and dark
That courage cannot light.

LITTLE ALFIE ON "A JOLLY JANUARY"

I hope all you folk have started your New Year well. Or, as Father says I hope you've recovered, if 'ou started it too well! Ma wouldn't let me and Horrie sit up to see the New Year in last week, but at 5 min. to 12 Mrs. Oates came and woke us.

She brot us down and gave us a whopping wedge of cake, and raisin wine in a proper wine-glass. What a cheery and festive scene lay be-4 us! Their was Father and Farmer Oates and Florrie's Sirel (who's just been made a Corporal) all drinking to a glad New Year in tankards of ale, and Ma and Mrs. O. and Florrie clinking their glasses of home-made wine and wishing 1940 a fair chance in life. All very harty. And what else d'you think we saw? The grim form of Old Beeky, downing a glass of sherry.

As it is, no sensible person will find any real hardship either in present restrictions or in those which are contemplated in a few weeks' time.

MEN and women old enough to remember the last war may yet have forgotten that we did not begin rationing until 1918, and then chiefly because the food queues had become an intolerable nuisance!

This time the Government is acting according to a plain and well-prepared plan. It is neither being driven by popular outcry nor by actual shortage of supplies.

It has two very sensible reasons for its present and future control of supplies. The first is to make sure that rich and poor are treated alike and that the "share out" is fair all round.

The second is to reduce the total of needless imports and to conserve shipping as far as possible for essential war material.

For the rest, we can at least have margarine if butter runs short. There are substitutes for sugar, and, when meat is rationed, too, there will still be many excellent substitutes for the familiar roast.

THE proclamation authorising the "call up" of men between the ages of nineteen and twenty-eight is equally to be welcomed by all who are prepared to face the facts of the present situation.

We may never need the two million men who thus become liable to military service, but, if we do, we can draw upon them as and when we choose, and we can do so without sacrificing a single important industry.

All sorts of alarmist voices have been raised to warn us that we can't win the war by just "sitting back" and waiting for victory.

The extension of conscription, accepted without a murmur: the high pressure of the Revenue authorities upon the almost uncomplaining taxpayer; the introduction of serious food rationing; and, still more recently, the Government's decision to take control of all shipping from the first of next month, is the visible proof that we are doing nothing of the sort.

Indeed, there never was a time in British history when the united nation was so cheerfully and yet firmly resolved to win a great war heedless of cost and regardless of sacrifice.

IF straws can ever show which way the steady wind of public opinion is setting, the vote of the Durham miners last week must be a decisive straw. It was a free vote and by 714 to 21 it approved Labour's policy of resistance to aggression.

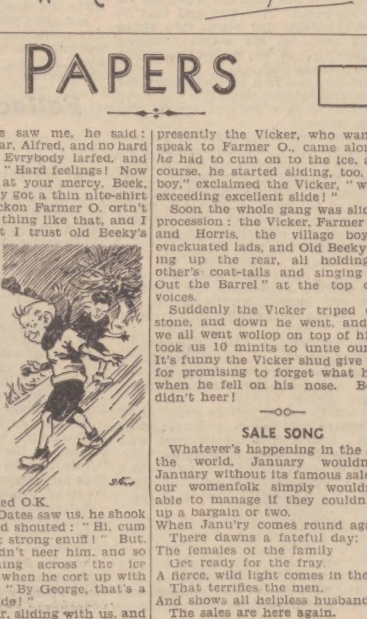
What can that mean but the determination of the British worker as well as the British fighting man to destroy the power of "Hitlerism" and to build a new world safe for free peoples to live in?

Since the war began, your correspondent has not only received letters from hundreds of readers, but he has also mixed with men and women of every class in many parts of the country.

There have been plenty of small grumbles, but few serious complaints. Rich and poor alike realise that this war has been forced upon us and that we must win it or perish in the attempt.

"Haw-Haw" and his friends keep asking us plaintively what we are fighting for. The answer is that we are fighting for a real peace and a real opportunity to reshape the world for the benefit of ordinary men and women in every country.

A Man o' the People



ARSENAL OF EMPIRE

SOON Canada will be throwing into the war against the Nazis its full, impressive energy. In the last war Canada did a lot. She supplied scores of thousands of magnificent men and huge stocks of food and raw material.

But that effort will be—dwarfed by the way in which she is harnessing her industrial wagon to the Allied star. In 1918 power installation was of some 2,400,000 horse-power. Today it is 8,100,000.

Canada's food output has increased greatly since the end of the last war. Nearly ten million more acres are in cultivation.

only one company American Airlines is a marvellous weather news organisation.

Twenty-two expert meteorologists 127 ground radio operators map out and broadcast weather reports for pilots over 6,700 miles of route. Information is obtained from 210 Government posts. Pilots flying across the Continent send half-hourly reports, and the company's 37 radio stations provide a safety chain for crew and passengers alike.

NEARLY every country in Europe has one version or another of the ever-green pantomime, "Aladdin," while the story is also to be found among the folk-lore of India and China?

"THEY'RE HERE AGAIN"

THEY'RE HERE AGAIN! I think that simple sentence must have been said a million times a day; said with a lump within our throats, and sometimes a smile that sought to drive our tears away; said with a laugh that is itself a challenge to deeper sentiment which strangely overcomes; said with a prayer within our hearts which opened to all of them like warm and living doors.

THEY'RE HERE AGAIN! And proud the ships that bore them, and prouder still the waiting welcoming shores.

How strange that there's a nation that could doubt them, and think that any one of them would pause; to come and take their stand beside Old England, who bred their sires and sent them out to build, an Empire, and a Family, whose Acres, with Faith and Hope and Love has been deep-titled.

THEY'RE HERE AGAIN! Those Sons of our Dominions whose Loyalty is like a mighty wing curved in the Golden Flight of Victory and dipped in Honour to their God and King. J. M.

Power

PRODUCTION of essential metals has already reached a record peak. Canada today mines more than 85 per cent. of world's nickel output; more than 10 per cent. of copper and lead.

Canada will carry through, too, biggest air training scheme in history. Over her vast territory will be prepared for the Europe battle scene pilots, gunners, observers and mechanics from Australia, New Zealand and Canada itself. Plan aims at turning out 25,000 men a year when it is fully in operation. First year's cost will be £140,000,000. Three Dominions and Britain will foot bill jointly.

This arsenal of Empire, its industrial pulse throbbing to a new tempo under the stimulus of war, will play a leading role in the struggle.

Set-Back

FIELD-MARSHAL GOERING'S new job as dictator of Germany's economic war effort is the most difficult he has tackled. For five years the Nazi experts laboured to build up a Siegfried Line of trade, and through subsidies gained domination in certain markets abroad. Now, unable to deliver the goods because of the Allied blockade, Germany's former customers are looking elsewhere for supplies. Even Goering, plus his radio propagandists, will find this problem hard to solve.

U.S. civil aviation develops unchecked while Europe's flying services are almost at a standstill. And behind

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By The Lounger

CHORUS:
There'll be an awful rush, there'll be a fearful crush;
They'll swing their smart umbrellas round like flails.
When football games get out of hand,
Unsporting fans adore it,
And some chaps get so knocked about,
You'd wonder how they bore it.
And what about a semi-attack that carries all before it—
They're nothing to the January sales.

When Everton meets Liverpool
The game is slightly tough.
When Leeds and Huddersfield collide,
I've known it rather rough.
But I'd rather be the football
In the most unruly match.
Than be near a bargain-counter,
When the ladies start from scratch!

CHORUS:
There'll be an awful fight, but it causes great delight
In every town in England and in Wales.
But if Adolf and his pals were all for sale,
and placed on plevs,
The sale would stop, because, you see,
no business could they do.
For no one would give tuppence for the whole benighted crew!
Not even at the January sales.

WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK
Even a skating champion can't just let things slide.

Florence Nightingale had a prototype in the seventeenth century in "Parliament Jane," who devoted her life to the care of wounded soldiers?

Viborg, the Finnish port, formerly belonged to Sweden, who founded the city in 1293; eventually being captured by the Russians in 1709?

A galleas is a heavy boat propelled both by sails and oars, and popular among the hardy folk of the Aaland Islands?

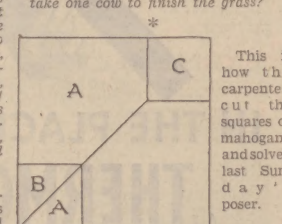
Europe's largest lake is Lake Ladoga, whose area is nearly that of Wales, and its mean depth is 300 feet?

Torso, one of the Aaland Islands, has an unusual shape, being four-pointed, and on each point is a small village?

No bomb or shell dropped in this war will produce a crater approaching the size of one in Arizona that resulted from a falling meteor. For it was a mile wide and about 500 feet deep?

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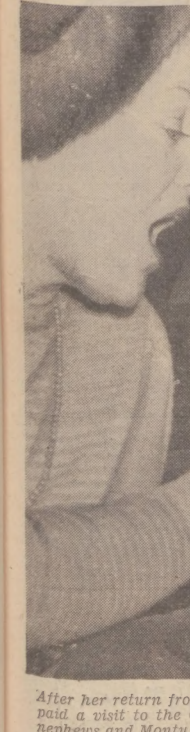
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Gracie at the Circus



After her return from singing to the troops in France, Gracie Fields paid a visit to the Circus at Earl's Court, accompanied by her two nephews and Monty Banks. Here she is helping one of them to a spot of ice-cream.

WIVES WILL RETURN TO FACTORIES

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

EVERY MAN AND WOMAN WORKER IN BRITAIN WILL GET A JOB THIS YEAR.

Unemployment figures for the past month will be issued in the next few days, and they will show a substantial reduction.

But whatever they are they will not affect the basis on which Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Labour and National Service, is organising the work of his department. Mr. Brown calculates that:—

By the end of the year the whole of Britain's 1,400,000 unemployed will have disappeared from the registers. The Labour Exchanges will have ceased to have weekly paying-out days for the dole, because nobody will be claiming it.

Close on 5,000,000 workers will be working overtime, and rules which forbid women to be employed on night shifts will have to be put into cold storage in some of the essential industries.

Hundreds of thousands of married women, who gave up work on marriage, will return to their mills and factories. Shortage of labour is already being felt in several industries in many parts of the country.

Aircraft and munition factories are appealing for more fitters, turners, millwrights, capstan hands and automatic operators.

Shipyards in the north are wanting more men and are regretting that the

apprenticeship system was not kept up during the slump nine years ago.

Shortage of mill girls has become so acute in several Yorkshire towns that girls have had to be "imported" in large numbers from non-textile counties. They are now undergoing training and are showing remarkable aptitude.

Farmers in Yorkshire and East Anglia say there are not enough men to cope with the extra crops they want to lay down.

And in the industries where unemployment still exists there are signs that it will not continue much longer.

BACK TO MINES

The 50,000 unemployed miners will be back at work in a month or two.

Steps are already being taken to put many of the unemployed 150,000 builders back to work—some on factory buildings in this country, while others are being invited to enlist for the large-scale building works that have to be carried out in France.

Within a couple of months it is expected that all workers in the textile trades will be fully employed. In many districts that is already the case.

Huge Government orders that have been given out for military vehicles mean that soon everybody in the motor industry will be employed.

The few thousand men still out of work in the iron and steel industry will soon be not merely back at work, but on overtime. This year's iron and steel output will be the biggest in history.

Another factor is that anything up to a million extra men—and probably more—will be called up for the armed forces this year.

Most of them will have to be replaced in their occupations.

FRANCE'S REPLY TO "HAW-HAW"

Paris, Saturday.

FRENCH counter measures against "Lord Haw Haw" and other Nazi propagandists will be broadcast on Wednesday.

This new chapter of "wireless warfare" will begin when well-known Frenchmen, including prominent leaders of the Bar will give broadcast talks exposing Nazi crimes.

Maitre Moro Giafferi, famous French counsel, will begin with the question: "Dimitrov, where are you?" He will ask the man who defied Goering at the Reichstag trial what he has to say to the Russian-German alliance.—Reuter.

Trapped In Blazing Hut N.C.O.'s FATE in CAMP FIRE

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

CLUTCHING THE LOCK AND HANDLE OF THE HUT DOOR WHICH HE HAD WRENCHED OFF IN HIS DESPERATE EFFORTS TO ESCAPE RAPIDLY APPROACHING FLAMES, THE BODY OF LANCE-BOMBARDIER ARTHUR BLACK WAS FOUND YESTERDAY AMID THE RUINS OF 20 MILITARY HUTS DAMAGED IN A FIERCE FIRE IN A CAMP AT COLCHESTER.

A roll-call disclosed that Black was missing, and a desperate search was made.

It was not until daylight that his body was found.

Lance-Bombardier Black, whose home is at Wallisend, was due to go on leave to his home on Friday afternoon, but he postponed travelling until yesterday to get a better train service in the morning. He was twenty-five.

Hundreds of soldiers raced into the open as the flames spread from hut to hut.

Alarm calls on bugles roused the camp shortly after midnight, and these, with flames illuminating the sky, brought hundreds of people from the near-by town to the camp.

Guests at a hunt ball, in evening dress, were among those who watched firemen, military firemen and young militiamen, who had escaped from the huts, fight the flames.

It was two hours before the flames were brought under control.

FUNERAL OF AIR BATTLE VICTIM

Brussels, Saturday.

TWO wounded occupants of a R.A.F. plane which came down on Belgian territory following an air battle four days ago, were present at the funeral in Liege today of their comrade, Wireless Operator Peter Harris, who was killed in action.

They were Lieutenant Kempster and Sergeant Smith.

Military honours were rendered by a detachment of Belgian frontier guards.—Reuter.

"The People's" Secret Service News

MUSSOLINI, fearing that he may have to fight Russia or Germany over the Balkan question before long, has given orders for a reorganisation of the Italian aircraft industry.

The leaders have been summoned and have been told that they must increase output by 50 per cent. within the next six months. For the time being, fighters are to take precedence over bombers.

DR. LEY, head of the Nazi Labour Front, went to Rome a fortnight ago to ask Mussolini to lend him 10,000 skilled workers for employment in the Dornier, Heinkel and Messerschmitt aircraft factories. Far too many of the employees now there are semi-skilled girls.

Hitler wanted to replace these, and also to transfer many of the regular male workers to the Air Force, where their aircraft experience would quickly fit them for service as airmen.

Mussolini's reply was that he wanted all his skilled engineers for his own factories.

COMPLAINTS of graft among Nazi Party officials and Gauleiters are on the increase in Germany. Employers say they cannot get workers unless they bribe some local leader, and the securing of permits for essential raw materials presents the same difficulty.

They dare not complain officially to any higher authority, for all the "high-ups" are in the game. Many of them draw regular "retaining fees" from the lesser leaders, for the latter's privilege of being allowed to retain their positions.

HITLER has come up against another difficulty in his frightfulness campaign. He has been sowing mines and firing torpedoes on such an enormous scale that all reserve stocks have been exhausted.

The daily output of the factories is smaller than the fleet and the air force need if they are to keep up their campaign unimpeded. And engineers who have been asked to transfer their services to the mine and torpedo works are not coming forward in anything like the numbers needed.

The work is so intricate and dangerous that it is no use conscripting workers from other industries—which has usually been Hitler's way of solving such problems.

GERMAN-SOVIET relationships are so complex that it is impossible to try to unravel them. But here are two facts:—

Dr. Goebbels has given instructions that all the broadcasts in German from Soviet stations are to be jammed by German stations.

The Communist International, from its headquarters in Moscow, has issued a manifesto denouncing Germany's war as one of "capitalist, imperialist aggression."

MR. DE VALERA'S secret service has left him under no delusion as to the source of the money with which the new I.R.A. campaign is being financed.

Though it is arriving in the country from the U.S.A., it is coming from German sources there, and what is more it is coming regularly. Although Eire is ostensibly neutral, Mr. de Valera is determined to have no German interference with his affairs.

OFFICIAL returns transmitted by Dr. Frank, German Governor in occupied Poland, to the Reich Government show that 18,000 Poles have been executed by German courts-martial.

In addition, 160,000 have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment, 28,000 have been detained for investigation by the Gestapo, 1,600,000 have been deported to Germany for forced labour, and 130,000 Polish civilians were killed by shells, bombs and bullets during the invasion.

FEARING that the German munition works at Dusseldorf and Essen will be smashed by allied aircraft as soon as the offensive starts, Field-Marshal Goering is building a huge new arsenal near Konigsberg.

Five thousand Czech workers have been conscripted in Prague and taken to Konigsberg for the work. But sabotage and ca' canny are so widespread that 1,000 Gestapo agents

WHEN SALLY SMILES



Sally Gray, who has a leading part in "Funny Side Up," the new Stanley Lupino show, which opens at His Majesty's Theatre on Thursday with a twice-nightly policy.

MAN SHOT IN GUARD ROOM

A SOLDIER said that he had forgotten a rifle was loaded when he gave evidence at an inquest in the South of England yesterday on Private Ronald Lake, twenty-one, who was shot in the guard room of an R.A.F. station.

The jury, returning a verdict of accidental death, added that better supervision should be given to men in the guardroom, and that prompt surgical treatment should have been given to Lake at hospital.

Private Harry Matthews said that Private Taylor took a rifle out of the rack and did some arms drill. At "examine arms" the rifle was pointing across the room, and at the moment Lake came in at the door the rifle went off.

Taylor said: "We get used to pulling the trigger during this arms drill and nothing happens. I had forgotten it was loaded."

MURDER PLOT FAILS

Shanghai, Saturday.

AN unsuccessful attempt to assassinate a Briton, Mr. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council, was made shortly before 9 o'clock this morning. Mr. Phillips was driving to his office in his car when two Chinese in rickshaws, waiting at the side of the road, opened fire as his car passed.

The bullets missed the car and nobody was hurt. The assailants escaped.—Reuter.

£10,000,000 A Week Victory Bullets

Big Shots From Small Investor

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

THE £10,000,000 A WEEK RESPONSE OF BRITAIN'S "SMALL MEN AND WOMEN" TO THE CHANCELLOR'S APPEAL TO THEM TO PUT THEIR SAVINGS IN THE WAR EFFORT HAS ASTOUNDED EVEN PHLEGMATIC WHITEHALL.

What is more, it is a sterling, 20s. to the pound knock to Field-Marshal Goering's compulsory savings order to his Nazi compatriots.

So much have the free men and women of Britain exceeded their elected Chancellor's expectations that he may allow another month or even two to pass before he appeals to the big investor.

Two reasons are ascribed for the weekly maintenance of the £52,000,000 a year rate of war effort.

An increasing number of people have found employment coupled with wage increases in several industries. Secondly, many workers make it a habit of investing the whole or major portion of their overtime or extra pay in Savings Certificates or Defence Bonds.

When the appeal to the big investors comes it is likely to be in the form of a £500,000,000 Defence Loan, bearing interest at 3 per cent. or slightly less.

The very healthy state of the gilt-edged market—War Loan jumped to 95 on Friday—shows that it will be a huge success as soon as it is issued.

Big banks and insurance companies are keeping large blocks of their assets in a liquid form so that they can purchase the Loan on a large scale.

Meantime, apart from the current savings, the small investors hold over £3,500,000,000 as deposits in Savings Banks, Building Societies, Insurance Policies, Trade Union and Friendly Society funds and other thrift organisations.

TRAMCAR SANDWICHED

When three tramcars were involved in a collision near New Cross Gate station, New Cross-rd., S.E., yesterday, one car was sandwiched between two others.

A conductor, Frederick William Sady, forty-nine, of Moorside-rd., Downham, Kent, was injured and is detained in the Miller Hospital, Greenwich. A driver and five passengers complained of shock, but, after treatment, were allowed to go home.

MOUSE THAT BROKE THE BLACK-OUT

WHEN the blackout regulations were drawn up the authorities may or may not have made allowance for the terror which a mouse, in war as in peace, strikes into the heart of the average woman.

At any rate, this point was raised at Clerkenwell yesterday when a woman, charged with a lighting offence, pleaded: "I was frightened by a mouse and rushed out, forgetting to switch off the light."

The magistrate's clerk thereupon proved that he was human and not unfamiliar with feminine foibles. He turned the pages of a bulky legal volume which he handed up to Mr. Brodick, the magistrate, and remarked: "I rather think there must be a proviso in the regulations to deal with this."

A police-constable who had to break into the building and force the door of the flat agreed that there was a mouse in a trap in the lighted room.

Mr. Brodick discharged the woman. "But," he told her with a smile, "be more frightened of a policeman than of a mouse in future. A policeman is not frightened by a mouse."

CHANNEL BOAT CRASH

Ostend, Saturday.

Belgian mail steamer Prince Charles (2,950 tons), which left Ostend this morning came into collision with a French patrol boat off Dunkirk.

The French vessel was badly damaged. The Prince Charles returned to Ostend.

New prices for HALL'S WINE

FROM MONDAY NEXT JAN. 8



Owing to the new Wine Duties and other rising costs, an increase in the price of Hall's Wine can no longer be avoided. Prices will go up on January 8th, but even at the new prices Hall's Wine will still be the most economical, because it is the sure tonic builder. For Hall's Wine possesses extraordinary powers that re-vitalise the entire system, and often sustain life itself. No ordinary tonic can do these things!

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Bob Martin's one a day makes a 'plus' dog



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Goods which cost you £1 to buy you 22s. 4d.

This is the effect of a Ministry of Labour announcement last night that the cost of living has gone up another four points, bringing the total increase since September 1 to eighteen points.

Trevor Evans tells the story on Page Eight.

The full report of our submarine's counter-attack on the Bremen.

Daily Express Dec. 16

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Edward Lyndoe's Predictions

Watch For—Peace Moves

PLAN WITH THE PLANETS

JUDGING BY MY LUNATION CHART FOR JANUARY 10, WE ARE GOING TO SEE MORE PACIFIC TENDENCIES IN EVIDENCE BEFORE THE MONTH IS OUT. MORE PEACE PROPOSALS ARE ON THE WAY, AND THE NEW SITUATION WILL DEMAND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY STATESMEN.

ANOTHER Russian miscalculation leads to still more severe losses, and the men at the Kremlin will be faced with grave internal unrest. It will not be long before the shooting starts.

THE heavy blows already sustained by German naval prestige will be followed by yet another reverse within the next fortnight. The loss of an important ship is clearly indicated in my charts.

Recent reports of significant moves in the Carpathians confirm a prediction made in this column some time ago. Developments in that part of the world lead to widespread trouble, and the whole of South-Eastern Europe may be set ablaze. So far as I can see, the action is mistimed, and it all fizzles out.

In this connection I am inclined to attach importance to the indications of sudden activity by the Greeks within the next week or so. This will have big repercussions later.



KING GEORGE OF GREECE

THE BREACH BETWEEN ITALY AND RUSSIA, ALREADY WELL IN EVIDENCE, WILL BE WIDENED STILL FURTHER BY A PRONOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE DUCE.

NEXT few weeks bring the first signs of the end of the long drawn-out struggle in China. As I have always insisted, Japan will be the virtual loser, in spite of all attempts at face-saving compromises.

STARTLING news is due shortly of the breach of a treaty in the East of Europe. Simultaneously comes a new move along the same lines in the West. Belgium appears to be the most likely victim.

AMICABLE relations between this country and Spain are settled by a treaty with General Franco due to be signed soon.

HIGHTENED German activity in the Near East produces a flare-up and leads to British action in that part of the world. Operations will assume important dimensions.

SOME of the Cabinet changes already predicted in this column have now taken place. So far as I can foresee, there are more changes to come.

BRIEF BIRTHDAY INDICATIONS

(Applying to those whose anniversary occurs this week)

TODAY

STABILITY is the keynote of this twelvemonth, which promises to be one of the most settled you have had for some time.

So long as you adopt a common-sense attitude towards money problems you have little to fear.

TOMORROW

Mixed influences prevail for you during the coming twelvemonth, and you will need to proceed with the utmost care if you are to avoid all the snags. The chief disadvantage is your own mood of restlessness and dissatisfaction.

TUESDAY

Changes are the dominant feature of the year for those of you born on the 9th, and the unexpected will tend to play a large part in determining the course of events. I would strongly urge you to be on the alert to seize every opportunity for expansion on original lines.

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK, you can have a specially compiled Monthly-Month Review of your affairs up to the end of January, 1941 (over 3,500 words!) by applying AT ONCE, together with a P.O. for 2/- to cover clerical and postal costs. State name (Mr., Mrs. or Miss), full postal address, date of birth, and send to Edward Lyndoe, c/o "The People", 93, Long Acre, W.C.2.

WEDNESDAY

Financial prospects for the coming twelvemonth are above the average, and I do not doubt that you will be enjoying benefits from unexpected quarters before the year is out. Your energies should be devoted primarily to expansion of your business interests.

THURSDAY

Rather quiet year with few developments of outstanding importance. The chief disadvantage is the strain on your purse which may cramp activities on occasion. A little extra care in the matter of expenditure will, however, suffice to get you over most of the difficulties.

FRIDAY

Many ups and downs for you this year, but the balance of influences is well in your favour, and this time next year should see you in a much stronger position altogether. The main snags spring from your tendency to rush ahead without adequate preparation.

SATURDAY

Sluggish tone about most of your interests this year, and I advise you to proceed with caution. You will be faced with heavy opposition to your plans. Fortunately, your financial position does not appear to be affected and there may even be some sound gains to cheer you up.

HOW WE ALL STAND THIS WEEK

(Look for your birth date below to find your section)

MARCH 21 to APRIL 20

THE first half of the week is likely to be spoiled by set-backs caused by mistakes, and I advise you to take everything as quietly as possible for a time. Wednesday easily the best day of the seven for dealing with all matters of importance.

APRIL 21 to MAY 20

Biggest drawback of the early part of this week is the additional expenditure you may be called upon to make. I would advise you to go cautiously in dealing with money matters and to see that your commitments are kept as low as possible.

MAY 21 to JUNE 20

Your mind may be considerably exercised regarding the state of your finances as this week begins, and I advise you to go cautiously for a day or two in order to reduce the risk of false moves.

JUNE 21 to JULY 20

After a rather disappointing beginning, your week quickly brightens up by Wednesday none of you should have any special grounds for complaint. Monday is a particularly exasperating type of day owing to financial disappointments.

JULY 21 to AUGUST 21

Tuesday is the most interesting day of an otherwise dull week. Unexpected developments then react beneficially on your plans and you are able to strike out for yourself successfully.

AUGUST 22 to SEPTEMBER 22

Financial strain may give rise to anxiety as the week begins, and you will need to proceed with circumspection for a day or two. Your judgment is likely to be at fault, and I strongly urge you to avoid making important decisions.

SEPTEMBER 23 to OCTOBER 22

Money is by far the biggest problem with which you have to contend during the early part of this week. There are likely to be additional demands upon your purse

and careful budgeting will be necessary.

OCTOBER 23 to NOVEMBER 22

You will benefit by waiting until the second half of this week before tackling any activities of importance. The early days are inclined to be treacherous and you may be tempted to make some foolish moves if you allow yourself to be rushed into changes.

NOVEMBER 23 to DECEMBER 20

Your impetuosity creates difficulties for you as the week begins, and I recommend patience in all your activities during the first couple of days. Round about mid-week, however, there is a marked change for the better.

DECEMBER 21 to JANUARY 19

You begin your week in a mood of quiet confidence, and it is not until you come to Wednesday that you meet with any snags likely to interfere with your progress. Mid-week, generally, is rather disappointing.

JANUARY 20 to FEBRUARY 18

Unsettled type of week. You will need to exercise caution right through. Monday, in particular, is a dangerous day owing to the risk of false moves.

FEBRUARY 19 to MARCH 20

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TODAY'S RADIO

- 9.15—Theatre Composers—No. 8: Rudolf Friml.
- 10.15—Who Killed Matthew Corbin? by John Dickson Carr—Part 2.
- 10.45—Epilogue.
- 10.55—Vocal Recital by Laelia Finneberg, with Orchestra.
- 11.35—A. J. Powell and his Banjo Octet.
- 12.0 midnight—Time: News.
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- 11.0—Les Gramophones.
- 11.15—Gramophone.
- 11.45—Balalaika and Guitar Records.
- 12.15 p.m.—Gramophone.
- 12.30 p.m.—Gramophone.
- 1.0—News.
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RIDICULE KILLS ENEMY LIES

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Luckily, as a nation we do not become hysterical at news good or bad. When the Chancellor put first one, and then another extra penny on our cigarettes, did we smokers rush out and burn down the Houses of Parliament? No, we took to rolling our own cigarettes, and as tobacco blenders and those in the know use A.G. paper we used it too, and found as a result that our smoking cost us less rather than more. And into the bargain, the flavour of the same tobacco was vastly improved; it's something very special in the way A.G. is made that does it. The smokers are longer lasting, too, for A.G. does not "fizzle" them away like ordinary paper.

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THE SAUCE THAT DOES YOU GOOD

READ THIS FIRST

In a broken-down house of a Portuguese village in West Africa was born to the English wife of COUNT LOUSADA a daughter named Héon. Because they believed that his disappointment that the child was not a son would kill the count, who at the time was suffering from a stroke, MADAME PERRON, his sister, and her son, JOSE PERRON, conspired to pass off the child as a boy. They had other reasons, too, concerned with a mysterious treasure, the secret of which they believed Lousada would reveal only to the son he had hoped and prayed for. And so with the passing of time, Lousada, now an incurable invalid, accepted the girl as a son. Meanwhile, KEITH HARDING, a rich and successful London physician, whom Romance has so far passed by, is on a visit to West Africa, where he meets Héon and, learning something of her strange story, decides to get to the bottom of the business, because he has already fallen in love with her. While a guest at her father's home he surprises Héon kneeling before an altar in a private chapel.

THE sound brought Héon to her feet at once. Since silent retreat was impossible, Harding went quickly forward.

As he appeared in the porch, alarm and surprise passed over her face. "What are you doing here?" she demanded with trembling indignation. If Harding had remembered certain words on the old jewelled cross he had once examined—"Kneel in the chapel of our Faith. Follow then always the inclination of your heart"—and known enough of her meaning to connect them with the treasure-hunting accusation Héon had once or twice hurled at him, he might have arrived at the true reason of her anger and surprise.

As it was, he put it down to the fact that she suspected him of following her and prying on her actions. "Believe me, I'd no idea you were here," he said apologetically.

It was impossible for her to leave the place without pushing past him. He did not want to go until quite certain she understood that the last that he would do would be to come and disturb her devotions.

There was silence in the little chapel. Héon stood with her face averted, her profile cold and set and haughty, toying with the flowers she had brought to set on the altar.

FASCINATION

Then, in the mass of creepers dripping through one of the broken windows, a solitary leaf started trembling violently, as odd leaves sometimes will for no seeming reason. The rest were perfectly still, only that one leaf shook and quivered, as though from fear or indignation or hurt pride, in some stray streak of a wandering breeze.

That one leaf trembling there fascinated Harding. He glanced from it to the child's set face and nervous hand, and he felt he must say something.

"You mustn't think I came here purposely to disturb you," he said, knowing his speech was both feeble and inadequate.

"I know quite well why you came," she answered coldly.

"You must think me an utter cad," he went on, still well aware that he was not shining.

To his surprise, she did not agree with him by letting his remark pass unheeded on.

"No, only just the same as other men," she said. Considering that until she met him she had known no white men beyond her father and cousin, had Harding been in a bantering mood he might have asked her where she got the wide knowledge of his sex that her answer implied.

"I suppose you've done nothing more than any man would do under the same circumstances," she went on at a moment later.

At once he jumped to the conclusion that her mind was running on his high-

handed action in insisting on bringing her home.

"I acted so because I suspected your cousin," he answered.

In a surprised, questioning way she glanced at him; in a manner that suggested her thoughts were running on entirely different lines.

"What did you suspect José of?" she asked quickly.

Harding was more angry with himself for having ever harboured a single wrong thought, however momentarily, where she was concerned; natural suspicions, born of finding her on that trampish vessel and in such recognised loose company, that he could not possibly tell her, and that he sincerely hoped she would never know had been in his head.

"Of—of—a thousand wicked things," he said.

"But you knew he was my cousin?" Her voice implied that such being the case nothing but honour and virtue could find place in his composition.

ELUSIVENESS

"But you must agree that the circumstances attached to our second meeting were somewhat unusual?"

"I know nothing of your world, or what is or is not unusual," was the rather dreary reply. "But you've every cause to think evil of me when I'm so deceiving my father," she added.

"I could never think evil of you," he said quickly. "I think you are very brave to do a thing so much against your conscience and your nature."

Héon said no more. Turning from him, she set about arranging the flowers in a crystal bowl. Harding took it as a hint that he might go. As he wended his way back along the cobble path, the world had grown lighter and brighter.

On that brief interview Harding based hopes which, as the days went

UNDER SUSPICION

By LOUISE GERARD

In "Daughter of Mystery"

on, he grew to see were not destined to be fulfilled.

In her own home Héon continued to avoid him as markedly as she had done on his yacht. He had known nothing more elusive. Vary his breakfast hour as he would, he never found her at that meal. Knowing of her retreat in the summer-house, he went there. On the first visit he surprised her among her books and papers, but afterwards, when he chanced to go, the place was empty.

The only occasion he could really count on seeing her was at dinner. Even then she vouched for him no more attention than was necessary, nor took any interest in what he said or did.

In spite of her silent ways he knew she could talk. The murmur of her soft voice often drifted up to his room as she sat at an evening with the coterie, down in the little courtyard below.

Once or twice he had joined them there, but at his appearance all her chatter would cease. She would leave him to talk to Miguel, making no attempt to join in, letting him see so plainly that he was not wanted that he quickly betook himself elsewhere.

With a dreary mind and an aching heart he had had to acknowledge the hopelessness of his task, and he decided to go back to England when Perron went up-country; to a life that now would be doubly drab.

der in the air, and lurking in the family circle—trying to both nerves and temper.

It had made Lousada's short temper even shorter; and, as ill-luck would have it, something happened that gave him an excuse to vent it, as usual, on his offspring.

As Héon was reaching across the low bank of flowers that ran down the middle of the table to help herself to fruit from a pile on a big old silver dish, a huge tarantula fell out from among the blossoms, scuttling across the cloth, making her drop the fruit with a smothered gasp of alarm.

Her father's gaze was on her at once. The flood gates of his smouldering wrath opened.

"Mother of God!" he thundered. "Must you disgrace your blood before a stranger? You pulling coward! You white-livered little cur! If only I had my arms I'd thrash some courage into you."

Perron's remark cleared his head. To his amazement Harding found himself on his feet, with four pairs of eyes fixed on him; Lousada's with surprise; Madame Perron's with undisguised amusement; Héon's with anxiety and fear.

"What is the matter?" Lousada demanded, his gaze on the guest.

But Harding was back to the facts of the case.

"I thought the brute had bitten him," he said stiffly.

His remark sent Lousada's gaze to Héon.

"Did the thing bite you, boy?" he asked with concern.

"No! No!" she answered nervously. "Then why, in the name of Goodness, need you cry out like a startled girl?"

"How can you blame the boy for his nerves, considering his mother was half dead when you married her?" Madame Perron put in quickly. "The wonder is you've any son at all."

Her remarks silenced Lousada, but her son had not quite done with Harding.

Perron glanced at him with the covert amusement the Englishman had noticed occasionally, and which he found particularly galling.

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